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001. cable	American Embassy, Sarajevo to Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.; re: Radio Feral Up, Radio Fern to Follow (2 pages)	04/08/1999	P1/b(1)
002. cable	American Embassy, Zagreb to Secretary of State & USIA, Washington, D.C.; re: IBB Team to Visit Croatia - "Ring Around Serbia" Project (2 pages)	04/23/1999	P5
003. cable	American Embassy, Zagreb to Secretary of State & NSC, Washington, D.C.; re: International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Notifies Government of Croatia (GOC) Over Broadcast Interference in Yugoslavia (4 pages)	09/21/2006	P5
004. cable	Secretary of State, Washington, D.C. to American Embassy, Bucharest; re: Ring Around Serbia & Station in Romania (2 pages)	10/01/1999	P1/b(1)
005. cable	American Embassy, Bucharest to Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.; re: Ring Around Serbia & Station in Romania (2 pages)	10/08/1999	P1/b(1)
006. cable	Secretary of State, Washington, D.C. to American Embassy, Bucharest; re: Points for Charge's Meeting with Romanian Foreign Minister Plesu (2 pages)	10/21/1999	P1/b(1), P5
007. cable	American Embassy, Sarajevo to Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.; re: Independent Media Commission (IMC) Takes Tough Stance on Cross-Border Broadcasts (4 pages)	10/22/1999	P1/b(1)
008. cable	U.S. Office, Pristina to Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.; re: Kosovo Broadcast Media Developments (9 pages)	10/28/1999	P5
009. cable	Secretary of State, Washington, D.C. to American Embassy, Sarajevo; re: Response to IMC on Cross-Border Broadcasts (4 pages)	10/30/1999	P1/b(1), P5

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012. cable	American Embassy, Sarajevo to Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.; re: AM Broadcasts Offer Possible Resolution (3 pages)	11/10/1999	P1/b(1), P5
013. cable	U.S. Mission & U.S. OSCE to Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.; re: Dayton Article V (incomplete message) (6 pages)	12/14/1999	P1/b(1)

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SUBJECT: TFSR 02: IBB TEAM VISIT TO CROATIA - "RING AROUND
SERBIA" PROJECT

REF: USIA 7284

1. SUMMARY: ACCOMPANIED BY THE DCM, PAO AND USAID COUNTRY DIRECTOR, THE IBB TEAM MET ON APRIL 22 WITH DEPUTY MINISTER FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILIPOVIC TO DISCUSS SUBJECT PROJECT. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED FOR THE USE OF AN HRT TRANSMITTER TOWER NEAR THE TOWN OF BELJE IN EASTERN SLAVONIA, SOME FIFTY FIVE MILES FROM NOVI SAD, YUGOSLAVIA. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH HRT'S TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND A TRANSMITTER MANUFACTURER IN ZAGREB. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCOMPANIED BY THE MISSION'S DCM, AID COUNTRY DIRECTOR AND THE PAO, THE IBB TEAM OF JON ERIKSSON, JOHN ROGERS AND TED LIPIEN MET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER FOR TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DOMINIK FILIPOVIC TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED "RING AROUND SERBIA" PROJECT. MR. FILIPOVIC HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM AID COUNTRY DIRECTOR ANNENSON ON APRIL 16 OUTLINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT AND REQUESTING THE GOC'S ASSISTANCE.

3. PRIOR TO THE MEETING, FILIPOVIC HAD PROVIDED THE MISSION

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WITH THE GOC'S REPLY ADVISING THAT IT WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE THE USE OF AN EXISTING HRT (CROATIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION) TOWER NEAR THE TOWN OF BELJE IN EASTERN SLAVONIA. COPIES OF MR. FILIPOVIC'S REPLY, WHICH INCLUDE THE TOWER'S SPECS, HAVE BEEN FAXED TO USIA/IBB AND USAID. THE TOWER IS CURRENTLY BEING USED BY HRT AND CONSISTS OF THREE TELEVISION TRANSMITTERS AND FIVE FM TRANSMITTERS ON A 200 METER ANTENNA TOWER THAT IS ON A SITE 242 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL. RADIATED POWER IS 50 KW.

4. AT THE MEETING, FILIPOVIC ADDED THAT THE GOC WAS PREPARED TO ALLOW THE USE OF THE TOWER FOR BROADCASTING VOA AND RFE PROGRAMS INTO SERBIA, REACHING ALL OF WESTERN SERBIA INCLUDING NOVI SAD AND BELGRADE, STATING THAT THE BROADCASTING COULD BEGIN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AFTER THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO HRT, WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS INSTALLATION, USE AND MAINTENANCE.

5. MISSION'S PERSONNEL AND THE IBB TEAM REVIEWED WITH THE MINISTER AND AT A LATER MEETING WITH HRT'S TECHNICAL STAFF THE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED, (ONE FM, VHF TRANSMITTER; FOUR FIELD ANTENNA, ANTENNA CABLES, CONNECTORS, ONE SATELLITE DISH, AND A RECEIVER). THE ESTIMATED COST IS APPROXIMATELY 80 THOUSAND USD. THE TEAM ALSO VISITED A LOCAL TRANSMITTER MANUFACTURER WHO HAS A TRANSMITTER OF THE REQUIRED SPECS READY SINCE IT HAD BEEN ON ORDER BY HRT BUT WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT WITHIN FOUR TO FIVE DAYS. ROGERS AND LIPIEN CHECKED WITH A GERMAN MANUFACTURER FOR A TRANSMITTER AND FOUND THAT THE COSTS THERE ARE HIGHER EVEN BEFORE SHIPPING CHARGES ARE CALCULATED. THE COSTS OF OPERATING THE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT ON THE TOWER ARE ESTIMATED AT 20 US CENTS PER KILOWATT HOUR. THIS EXPENSE AND ANY OTHER MAINTENANCE COSTS WILL BE PASSED BY HRT/MINISTRY TO USAID/IBB FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT.

6. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT IF THE PROJECT PROCEEDS AS PLANNED, USIS ZAGREB BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING THE EQUIPMENT LOCALLY, PROVIDED A FUND SITE/FISCAL DATA IS MADE AVAILABLE. FISCAL DATA IS ALSO NEEDED FOR ANY INSTALLATION COSTS THAT HRT WILL CHARGE AS WELL AS THE OPERATING EXPENSES.

7. USAID IS PREPARING AN MOU FOR USG/GOC SIGNATURES, WHICH WILL BE CLEARED BY USAID/GC. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN NEXT STEPS ON THE PROJECT'S DEVELOPMENT ARE DETERMINED AND HOW MISSION IS TO PROCEED WITH MINISTRY/HRT.

8. COMMENT: THE GOC HAS BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING AND FORWARD LEANING IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT, OFFERING WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE SITE FOR THE JOB AT HAND. END COMMENT.

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IN YUGOSLAVIA

TEXT:
UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 ZAGREB 004448

STATE FOR EUR/SCE (HYLAND), EUR/BI, EUR (SWIGERT), S/SA
(DOBBINS), NSC (HILL)

PRAGUE FOR TED LIPTON

E.O. 12598:
TAGS: PGOV, ECPS, HR
SUBJECT: ITU NOTIFIES GOC OVER BROADCAST INTERFERENCE
IN YUGOSLAVIA

1. THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE. PLEASE SEE ACTION
REQUEST IN PARA 7. THIS ACTION REQUEST REQUIRES
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND QUICK TURNAROUND.

2. SUMMARY. THE GOC HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU) REQUESTING
THAT GOC CEASE AND DESIST THE TRANSMISSION OF CERTAIN
BROADCASTS INTO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA THAT
INTERFERE WITH BROADCASTS WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA. THE
BROADCASTS REFERENCED BY THE ITU ARE THOSE THAT CROATIA
IS ENGAGING IN JOINTLY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY. THE GOC WOULD LIKE TO AVOID ANY
UNPLEASANTRIES WITH THE ITU AND IS SEEKING USG ADVICE
ON THIS MATTER. THE GOC WOULD STILL LIKE TO COOPERATE
WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND SUGGESTS MOVING
THE BROADCASTS TO ANOTHER FREQUENCY. POST REQUESTS
THAT THE DEPARTMENT REVIEW THIS MATTER AND RESPOND
IMMEDIATELY TO POST SO THAT WE CAN DULY ADVISE THE GOC.
END SUMMARY.

GOC DILEMMA

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3. ON SEPTEMBER 21, DURING A MEETING WITH THE NEW MINISTER OF MARITIME AFFAIRS, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS IVAN PAVLOVIC, THE AMBASSADOR AND COMATT WERE INFORMED THAT THE MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE ITU (TEXT OF LETTER IN PARA 8) REGARDING CURRENT BROADCASTS FROM CROATIA INTO YUGOSLAVIA. ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS DOMINIK FILIPOVIC, THE ITU IS REQUESTING THAT CROATIA DISCONTINUE THE BROADCAST INTERFERENCE.

4. THE TRANSMISSIONS IN QUESTION ARE THE VOICE OF AMERICA (VOA) BROADCASTS WHICH ARE BEING DIRECTED AT YUGOSLAVIA AS PART OF "RING-AROUND-SERBIA" WHICH WAS INITIATED AFTER B-92 IN BELGRADE WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE GOVERNMENT. AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL, CROATIA WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO AGREE TO BEGIN TRANSMISSIONS INTO YUGOSLAVIA. CROATIA HAS FULLY COOPERATED WITH THE USG AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THIS EFFORT.

5. AS FILIPOVIC EXPLAINED, A NEW BROADCAST STATION HAS COME ON-LINE IN NOVI SAD. HE BELIEVES IT WAS DELIBERATELY INITIATED BY THE SERB GOVERNMENT TO CREATE THE "PROBLEM." THE VOA REBROADCASTS FROM HRT'S TRANSMITTER IN BELJE (EASTERN SLAVONIA) ARE NOW CAUSING INTERFERENCE WITH THE NEW STATION. FILIPOVIC SUGGESTS THAT HE CAN MOVE THE TRANSMISSIONS TO ANOTHER FREQUENCY. HE SUGGESTS 95.6 MHZ OR 103.2 MHZ.

6. THE GOC IS ANXIOUS OVER THE LETTER FROM THE ITU. THE GOC DOES NOT WANT TO DEVELOP BAD RELATIONS WITH THIS INTERNATIONAL BODY. HOWEVER, THE GOC HAS UNEQUIVOCALLY INDICATED THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THIS EFFORT, PROVIDED IT CAN BE DONE IN A WAY WHICH AVOIDS ITU PROBLEMS. STILL, GIVEN THAT THE ITU REQUEST APPEARS TO BE TIME-SENSITIVE, THEY ARE SEEKING QUICK ADVICE FROM THE USG ON THIS MATTER.

ACTION REQUEST

7. POST REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT REVIEW THIS ISSUE IMMEDIATELY. IF POSSIBLE, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND CONCURRENCE WITH THE GOC SUGGESTION (PARA 5). THIS SUGGESTED COURSE ENABLES THE GOC TO AVOID CONTINUED ACCUSATIONS FROM YUGOSLAVIA THAT CROATIA IS INTERFERING WITH YUGOSLAV BROADCASTS. WHILE THE GOC WANTS TO BE HELPFUL TO THE USG, THE USG SHOULD BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT CROATIA HAS ONGOING ISSUES WITH THE SERBS (E.G., PREVLAKA). IF THE USG CAN BE ACCOMODATING IN THIS RESPECT AND THIS PERMITS US TO CONTINUE BROADCASTING INTO YUGOSLAVIA, POSTS BELIEVES WE SHOULD PURSUE THIS COURSE OF ACTION. POST SEEKS A RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 24 HOURS SO THAT WE CAN ADVISE THE MINISTRY. END ACTION REQUEST.

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ITU LETTER

8. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FROM THE ITU,
USING THE LETTERHEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATION UNION, RADIOCOMMUNICATION BUREAU
UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 ZAGREB 004448

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(TELEPHONE: 41-22-730-51-11, FAX: 41-22-733-72-56)

(BEGIN TEXT)

DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS
MINISTRY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS, TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS
HR-10000 ZAGREB
REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

SUBJECT: HARMFUL INTERFERENCE TO BROADCASTING STATIONS
IN YUGOSLAVIA

DEAR SIR,

1. THE RADIOCOMMUNICATION BUREAU HAS RECEIVED A
LETTER 4/1-03-137/99-002 DATED 8 SEPTEMBER 1999 FROM
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
YUGOSLAVIA WHICH CONCERNS A CASE OF HARMFUL
INTERFERENCE CAUSED TO ITS BROADCASTING STATION RTS
"RADIO BEOGRAD 1" OPERATING ON 94.5 MHZ BY A STATIONS
WITH SEVERAL IDENTITIES OR NAMES SUCH AS VOA, RFI, BBC,
DW AND RFE AND OPERATING ON 94.499 MHZ AND APPEARS TO
BE ORIGINATING FROM AROUND BELJE UNDER THE JURISDICTION
OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION. A REPORT OF HARMFUL
INTERFERENCE IN APPENDIS S10 FORMAT WA ALSO ENCLOSED
ALONG WITH THE LETTER. AS REQUESTED BY THE
ADMINISTRATION OF YUG, THE BUREAU FORWARDS ITS LETTER
AND THE REPORT TO YOUR ADMINISTRATION FOR NECESSARY
ACTION.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH S15.35, YOUR ADMINISTRATION IS
REQUESTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS TELEFAX AND
KEEP THE BUREAU INFORMED OF THE ACTION TAKEN.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

T. GAVRILOV
HEAD A.I., TERRESTRIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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ATTACHMENTS

-- COPY OF LETTER FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
YUGOSLAVIA MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NOTE:
APPEARS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE CROATIAN MINISTRY BUT IT
IS NOT CLEARLY MARKED) FROM MINISTER IVAN MARKOVIC
REGARDING HARMFUL INTERFERENCE TO BROADCASTING STATIONS
IN FR YUGOSLAVIA, DATED 08-09-99.

-- COPY OF APPENDIX S10 (REPORT OF HARMFUL
INTERFERENCE) - 2 PAGES

(END TEXT)

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SUBJ: KOSOVO BROADCAST MEDIA DEVELOPMENTS

TEXT:
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SUBJECT: KOSOVO BROADCAST MEDIA DEVELOPMENTS

REF: PRISTINA 121

1. SUMMARY: AFTER TWO MONTHS OF RELATIVE STAGNATION, MEDIA DEVELOPMENT IS AGAIN ON THE MOVE IN KOSOVO. UNMIK HAS APPOINTED A TEMPORARY MEDIA COMMISSIONER AND WORK ON PREPARING REGULATIONS, LAWS, AND STANDARDS HAS COMMENCED. LICENSING OF NEW BROADCAST MEDIA WILL START AGAIN AFTER A DELAY OF ALMOST THREE MONTHS. AN URGENT PROBLEM NOW FACING OSCE IS HOW TO FIND FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE INTERIM PUBLIC TELEVISION BROADCASTS VIA SATELLITE, WHILE ISSUES OF

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ULTIMATE OWNERSHIP AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE INDEPENDENTS ARE UNRESOLVED. MEANWHILE, WORK BY USAID/OTI, IBB, KFOR AND UNMIK CONTINUES ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSMISSION TOWERS AT FOUR SITES AROUND KOSOVO. END SUMMARY.

MOVEMENT ON BUT LINGERING PROBLEMS WITH MEDIA ORGANS

2. THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BROADCAST MEDIA IN KOSOVO DURING THE PAST MONTH. PUBLIC TELEVISION BEGAN WITH THE LAUNCH OF RTK SATELLITE BROADCASTS ON SEPTEMBER 19. AFTER A DELAY OF TWO MONTHS, ON OCTOBER 21 UNMIK FINALLY APPOINTED DOUGLAS DAVIDSON, OSCE'S MEDIA AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, TO BE TEMPORARY COMMISSIONER FOR MEDIA REGULATION, CHARGED WITH ESTABLISHING A MEDIA REGULATORY COMMISSION AND DRAFTING RULES AND STANDARDS FOR THE BROADCAST MEDIA. HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A PLAN FOR THIS COMMISSION WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO UNMIK FOR APPROVAL SOMETIME IN THE NEXT MONTH. OSCE HAS HIRED ROBERT LEBLANC (ANOTHER AMERICAN) TO BE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF MEDIA, REGULATION, LAWS, AND STANDARDS. HE IS NOW WORKING ON SETTING IN PLACE A REGIME FOR THE PERMANENT REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF RADIO AND TV STATIONS.

3. NONETHELESS, PROBLEMS REMAIN. UNMIK AND OSCE CONTINUE TO SPAR ABOUT THE SCOPE OF OSCE'S AUTHORITY REGARDING THE MEDIA. UNMIK RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MANAGE THE FREQUENCY SPECTRUM, ALTHOUGH ONCE THE MEDIA COMMISSION HAS BEEN SET UP, THAT BODY WILL PRESUMABLY MANAGE THE BROADCAST SPECTRUM. NO NEW RADIO OR TV LICENSES HAVE BEEN ISSUED SINCE AUGUST 2, WHEN UNMIK CEASED GRANTING TEMPORARY LICENSES. OSCE DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO CLEAR THE BACKLOG OF APPLICATIONS BEFORE DECEMBER 1.

4. THE PACE OF HIRING COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL STAFF IS FRUSTRATINGLY SLOW. LEBLANC'S OFFICE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SIX INTERNATIONALS; CURRENTLY HE IS THE ONLY ONE. OSCE SAYS THAT THEY DESPERATELY NEED COMPETENT EXPERTS TO WORK ON MEDIA LAW AND TO DEAL WITH TECHNICAL ISSUES.

FUNDING PROBLEMS FOR RTK PUBLIC TELEVISION

5. MOST SERIOUS OF ALL IS THE PROBLEM OF FUNDING FOR RADIO TELEVISION KOSOVO (RTK), WHICH WILL RUN OUT OF OPERATING FUNDS IN MID-NOVEMBER. DAVIDSON REGARDS IT AS HIS MOST URGENT PRIORITY TO FIND FUNDING TO KEEP RTK ON THE AIR. DESPITE INITIAL MISGIVINGS ABOUT UNMIK'S AWARDING OF THE CONTRACT TO THE EUROPEAN BROADCAST UNION (EBU), DAVIDSON BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE SATELLITE PROGRAM ON THE AIR UNTIL TERRESTRIAL BROADCASTING CAN BE REESTABLISHED. AFTER THAT, DAVIDSON ARGUES, IT WILL BE DESIRABLE TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC TELEVISION FOR THREE REASONS: FIRST, IT PROVIDES A NEW, WESTERN MODEL FOR TELEVISION IN KOSOVO, ACCESSIBLE TO LOCAL VIDEO PRODUCTION HOUSES OF ALL KINDS; SECOND, IT PREVENTS A RETURN TO THE PREVIOUS MODEL OF

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STATE-OWNED TV, WITH ITS BLOATED STAFF AND ANTIQUATED EQUIPMENT; THIRD, ONLY RTK CAN GUARANTEE EFFECTIVE PROGRAMMING IN MINORITY LANGUAGES (SERBIAN, TURKISH, ROMISH.) PRIVATE TELEVISION STATIONS SUCH AS RTV 21 OR KOHA VISION (THE TWO MOST PROMISING ASPIRANTS) ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL NOT DO THIS. DAVIDSON ESTIMATES THAT EBU WILL NEED \$2 MILLION TO KEEP RTK OPERATING FOR ANOTHER SEVEN MONTHS. IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST ANOTHER \$2 MILLION DOLLARS TO ESTABLISH THE TERRESTRIAL SYSTEM (WHICH INVOLVES TELECOMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS BROADCASTING) UNDER THE CONTROL OF UNMIK'S CIVIL ADMINISTRATION PILLAR.

6. HOWEVER, DONOR AGENCIES HERE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT RTK'S ABILITY TO DELIVER. ACCORDING TO A RECENT UNESCO SURVEY AND ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE FROM DONORS ACTIVE IN GRANTING MEDIA SUPPORT, RTK HAS LITTLE CREDIBILITY AMONG THE VIEWING PUBLIC IN KOSOVO. PROGRAMMING THUS FAR HAS BEEN REGARDED BY THE LOCALS AS AMATEURISH, EVEN COMICAL AT TIMES. AT THE SAME TIME, INDEPENDENT MEDIA COMPLAIN THAT SALARIES AT RTK HAVE LURED YOUNG TELEVISION JOURNALISTS AWAY FROM LOCAL INDEPENDENTS STRUGGLING TO GET OFF THE GROUND.

7. DAVIDSON REFUTES THIS CHARGE, SAYING THAT SALARIES AT RTK ARE ACTUALLY LOWER THAN THOSE PAID BY AFERDITA KELMENDI AT INDEPENDENT RTV 21. QUALITY IS ALSO IMPROVING, HE ARGUES. AS OF OCTOBER 25, RTK ENGAGED AS ITS NEW ANCHORMAN A WELL KNOWN TV PROFESSIONAL RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TIRANA. SOME OF THE FORMER RTP EMPLOYEES WHO WERE OPPOSING RTK HAVE NOW JOINED THE STAFF.

8. AMONG MEDIA DONORS ATTENDING THE RECENT US-SPONSORED MEDIA CONFERENCE IN PRISTINA, THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT A TWO TRACK ASSISTANCE STRATEGY SHOULD BE PURSUED. FIRST, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PRIORITY FOR DONORS BE THE SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG, VIABLE, AND SUSTAINABLE PRIVATE INDEPENDENT AND PROFESSIONAL MEDIA IN KOSOVO. SECOND, THAT A PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE WAS IMPORTANT, BUT THAT IT BE LIMITED IN SCOPE, ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, AND FREE FROM POLITICAL CONTROL. DONORS SHARE THE CONCERN OF THE INDEPENDENTS THAT, WITHOUT LIMITATIONS ON RTK'S RIGHT TO SOLICIT COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENTS, FUTURE ADVERTISERS MAY BE

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DRAWN TO RTK AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INDEPENDENTS BECAUSE OF THE SATELLITE STATION'S SUPERIOR PROVINCE-WIDE FOOTPRINT. THEY ARE ALSO TROUBLED BY THE PROSPECT OF SUPPORTING RTK'S EXPENSIVE EXPATRIATE EBU MANAGEMENT. DRUMMING UP ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROBLEMATIC UNLESS THERE ARE ASSURANCES ABOUT HOW THE ASSISTANCE WILL BE USED AND WHAT THE ULTIMATE FATE AND FUNCTION OF THE STATION MAY BE.

9. COMMENT: A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE APPROACH MAY LIE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PRODUCTION FACILITIES AT RTK, WHICH WOULD BE LARGE ENOUGH AND COULD BE PUT AT THE DISPOSAL OF INDEPENDENT PRODUCTION COMPANIES. THESE FACILITIES COULD ALSO BE USED TO PRODUCE COMMERCIALS AND GENERATE REVENUE FOR BOTH RTK AND THE INDEPENDENTS. RTK WOULD HAVE TO PUT FORWARD A PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF SUCH FACILITIES TO THE DONOR COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DONE YET. END COMMENT.

STATUS OF TELEVISION STATIONS IN KOSOVO TODAY

10. RTK STARTED BROADCASTING VIA SATELLITE ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1999. ITS TWO-HOUR EVENING PROGRAM GOES FROM 1900 TO 2100. MOST OF THE PROGRAM IS IN ALBANIAN EXCEPT FOR THE NEWS, WHICH IS DONE IN BOTH SERBIAN AND ALBANIAN. THE SIGNAL USES THE EUTEL SATELLITE AND REACHES ALL PARTS OF KOSOVO, THOUGH UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 06 PRISTINA 000432

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OF COURSE ONLY HOMES WITH SATELLITE RECEIVERS CAN SEE IT. UNMIK AND OSCE STRESS THAT THIS IS INTENDED AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE UNTIL TERRESTRIAL BROADCASTING CAN BE REESTABLISHED. RTK IS MANAGED BY THE OSCE AND OPERATED BY THE EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION (EBU). THE DIRECTOR IS A SWISS TELEVISION PROFESSIONAL, ERIC LEHMANN, BROUGHT IN BY THE EBU. THE STAFF IS MULTIETHNIC.

11. INITIAL CRITICISM OF THE WAY THE STATION WAS STARTED UP CAME FROM DISGRUNTLED LOCAL TV WORKERS AND JOURNALISTS, WHO EXPECTED RTK TO BE A REINCARNATION OF THE OLD RTP. THEY WANTED THEIR OLD JOBS BACK. THEY ACCUSED RTK OF EMPLOYING YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED JOURNALISTS (WHOM RTK SAYS IT WANTS TO TRAIN) WHILE OVERLOOKING THE TALENT POOL PROVIDED BY

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FORMER EMPLOYEES OF RTP. AN OPPOSITE STREAM OF CRITICISM HAS COME FROM THE NEW INDEPENDENT TELEVISION STATIONS, WHO FEAR THAT RTK WILL SIPHON OFF TALENT AND THREATEN THEIR POTENTIAL ADVERTISING REVENUES. (COMMENT: THIS IS CLEARLY A "DAMNED IF YOU DO, DAMNED IF YOU DON'T" SITUATION FOR RTK.) THE QUALITY OF PROGRAMMING IN THE FIRST FEW WEEKS WAS GENERALLY CONSIDERED POOR. THE OSCE HAS URGENTLY REQUESTED DONORS TO FIND MANAGEMENT AND OTHER TRAINERS, WHO COULD HELP BUILD A PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM ALONG WESTERN LINES. THE STATION MANAGER HAS ALSO PUT OUT A CALL FOR VIDEO BROADCAST MATERIAL, SINCE INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MATERIAL FOR MANY MONTHS.

12. ALTHOUGH KOHA VISION, OWNED BY KOHA DITORE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER VETON SURROI, RECEIVED A TEMPORARY BROADCAST LICENSE FROM UNMIK THIS SUMMER, IT DOES NOT YET HAVE A TRANSMITTER, OTHER STUDIO EQUIPMENT, OR FUNDING TO GO ON THE AIR. LIKE ALL OTHER LOCAL TV STATIONS, IT WILL HAVE TO ACQUIRE A NEW LICENSE FROM THE MEDIA COMMISSION, ONCE THAT BODY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. NO EXACT DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE BEGINNING OF BROADCASTS. HOWEVER, KOHA VISION HAS BEGUN TO PRODUCE INTERVIEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION PROGRAMS WHICH ARE BEING AIRED ON RTK.

13. RADIO TELEVISION 21 (RTV 21) HAS NOT YET AGREED TO PRODUCE MATERIAL FOR BROADCAST ON RTK, BUT THE STATION IS WELL AHEAD OF KOHA VISION IN TERMS OF ACQUIRING TRANSMITTING CAPABILITY. THEY HAVE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE EQUIPMENT DONATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL DONORS, INCLUDING USAID. THE STATION IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWER ON MT. GOLESH. IF WORK ON THAT TOWER IS COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE, RTV 21 COULD CONCEIVABLE BE ON THE AIR BY THE END OF DECEMBER.

14. RTV KOSOVA SOT, WHICH ALSO ACQUIRED A TEMPORARY LICENSE AND FREQUENCY THIS SUMMER, IS STILL FAR FROM READY TO BEGIN BROADCASTING. THEY HAVE NOT YET ACQUIRED THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT. THERE ARE REPEATED RUMORS OF MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS AND FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT AT THE NEWSPAPER (WHICH OWNS THE TV STATION.) RESPECTED EDITOR IN CHIEF IBRAHIM REKHEPI QUIT THE PAPER AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER TO GO TO WORK FOR COMPETITOR KOHA DITORE.

15. THERE ARE A FEW OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR ALBANIAN-LANGUAGE TV STATIONS. ONE IS TV AA, WHICH INTENDS TO COVER THE EASTERN PART OF KOSOVO AND IS PROPOSING TO FOCUS ON THE YOUNG POPULATION, I.E. POPULAR MUSIC, MOVIES, ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMS, WITH BRIEF NEWS PROGRAMS DURING THE DAY. THE OWNERS ARE AGIM AVDIU AND VALTON BEQIRI, WHOSE BACKGROUNDS ARE IN THE MUSIC AND VIDEO INDUSTRIES.

16. ANOTHER APPLICANT IS THE CONFUSINGLY NAMED AA-TV OR ARS ARBERIA, OWNED BY "EUROLIRIA" (A GJAKOVE-BASED COMPANY THAT UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 06 PRISTINA 000432

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HAS SPECIALIZED IN AUDIOVIDEO PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION). THE MANAGING DIRECTOR IS THE HIGHLY RESPECTED FILMMAKER AGIM SOPI, WHO HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE MAKING FILMS FOR TELEVISION, AND THE BOARD CONSISTS OF SEVERAL WELL-KNOWN PROFESSIONALS FROM THE OLD RTP.

17. THERE IS ONE PRIVATE LOCAL SERBIAN TELEVISION STATION, TV S, WHICH BEGAN BROADCASTING ON SEPTEMBER 28. ITS PROGRAMMING CONSISTS MAINLY OF OLD MOVIES, MUSIC VIDEOS (MOSTLY GERMAN), AND FOREIGN SERIALS, WITH SERBIAN SUBTITLES. TV S DOES NOT PRODUCE ITS OWN NEWS BUT REBROADCASTS OR TRANSLATES MATERIAL FROM BBC, REUTERS AND DEUTSCHE WELLE. THEY HAVE PLANS TO HIRE THREE JOURNALISTS AND BEGIN TO PRODUCE THEIR OWN NEWS AND FEATURES IN FUTURE. THEIR SIGNAL COVERS THE MITROVICA-PRISTINA-FERIZAJ AXIS. THE STATION IS OWNED BY A BELGRADE-BASED COMPANY, "GENEX," AND MANAGED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY, DRAGANA DOJCINOVIC.

18. ALTHOUGH MOST TELEVISION EFFORTS FOCUS NATURALLY ON PRISTINA, THERE HAVE BEEN NEW DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL IN THE WESTERN HALF OF KOSOVO. IN PRIZREN, A PRIVATE ALBANIAN COMPANY BASED IN KUKES, ALBANIA HAS ESTABLISHED TV KUKESI. THE STATION IS OWNED BY A WEALTHY ALBANIAN BUSINESSMAN, LUTFI MECKA. IT HAS A STUDIO AND AN EDITORIAL BOARD IN PRIZREN. WHILE MOST OF THE PROGRAMMING ORIGINATES IN ALBANIA, IT BROADCASTS A DAILY NEWS PROGRAM LIVE FROM ITS STUDIO IN PRIZREN, AND OCCASIONALLY COVERS THE PRESS CONFERENCES OF THE LOCAL GERMAN KFOR COMMANDER. THE STATION HAS MADE OVERTURES TO THE LOCAL KFOR AND UNMIK OFFICES FOR SUPPORT, AND HAS INQUIRED ABOUT BECOMING A "PUBLIC TELEVISION STATION." ITS SIGNAL PRESENTLY COVERS MOST OF THE WESTERN HALF OF KOSOVO, BUT IT REPORTEDLY HAS PLANS TO REACH THE WHOLE OF KOSOVO IN FUTURE. PRESUMABLY, IT WILL REGISTER AND SEEK A LICENSE AND FREQUENCY FROM THE MEDIA REGULATORY COMMISSION ONCE IT IS ESTABLISHED.

19. THERE IS ALSO A STATION CALLING ITSELF TV GJAKOVE, BUT BROADCASTING FROM SOMEWHERE IN NORTHERN ALBANIAN. ITS FORMAT IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF TV S, ONLY IN ALBANIAN, I.E. FOREIGN MOVIES, MUSIC VIDEOS, AND FOREIGN-PRODUCED SERIALS. IT DOES NOT PRESENTLY BROADCAST NEWS OR OTHER INFORMATION PROGRAMS. IT IS SEEN ONLY IN THE GJAKOVE AREA.

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RECENT RADIO DEVELOPMENTS

20. SINCE OUR LAST REPORT (REFTTEL), THE MOST NOTEWORTHY DEVELOPMENT CONCERNS RADIO 21, WHICH HAS TAKEN A COMMANDING LEAD OVER ALL OTHER STATIONS IN TERMS OF RESOURCES AND AUDIENCE. IT BROADCASTS 24 HOURS A DAY, IN ALBANIAN, AND HAS A GOOD NETWORK OF CORRESPONDENTS ALL AROUND KOSOVO. THE STATION HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE FROM INTERNATIONAL DONORS, INCLUDING USAID, AND WILL COVER THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF KOSOVO ONCE ITS 10KW TRANSMITTER IS ERECTED ON MOUNT GOLESH.

21. SECOND IN POPULARITY IS PROBABLY RADIO KOSOVA E LIRE (RADIO FREE KOSOVO) WHICH HAS VERY CLOSE TIES TO THE THAQI GOVERNMENT (PGOK), FROM WHICH IT RECEIVES FUNDING, AND FORMER KLA CIRCLES. WITH A 10W TRANSMITTER IN PRISTINA ITS SIGNAL COVERS THE EASTERN HALF OF KOSOVO AND THE DRENICA REGION. IT HAS PLANS TO COVER THE WHOLE OF KOSOVO BY MOUNTING TWO RELAY TOWERS, ONE IN JEZERC (SOUTH OF FERIZAJ) AND ANOTHER ONE IN THE BERISHA MOUNTAINS (CENTRAL KOSOVO). IT IS CURRENTLY BROADCASTING TWELVE HOURS A DAY. POPULAR BECAUSE OF THE NATIONALISTIC EDITORIAL LINE WHICH IT TAKES, UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 06 PRISTINA 000432

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THE STATION IS NOT VERY PROFESSIONAL BY WESTERN STANDARDS, AND RELIES HEAVILY ON THE KOSOVAPRESS AGENCY (ALSO FUNDED BY THE PGOK) FOR THE CONTENT OF ITS NEWS PROGRAMS. INTERNATIONAL DONORS HAVE THUS FAR STOOD ALOOF FROM KOSOVO E LIRE, ALTHOUGH THE STATION HAS APPROACHED SOME OF THEM FOR ASSISTANCE.

22. OSCE-RUN RADIO PRISHTINA, WITH FIVE HOURS OF LOCAL PROGRAMMING AND THE REST OF THE TIME TAKEN UP BY THE "INTERNATIONAL STREAM" OF VOA, RFE, BBC, AND DEUTSCHE WELLE, PROBABLY REMAINS IN THIRD PLACE IN TERMS OF SERIOUS LISTENERSHIP.

CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSMISSION TOWERS

23. USAID/OTI AND IBB ARE PROCEEDING IN THEIR WORK WITH

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UNMIK AND KFOR ON FOUR TOWER PROJECTS. THE TOWER FOR PTK (TELEPHONES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS) HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED AND IS WAITING AT PRISTINA AIRPORT TO BE AIRLIFTED TO THE ROOF OF THE PTK COMPLEX. PTK OFFICIALS SEEM TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE PRODUCT. THEY WILL ARRANGE FOR A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER TO FINALIZE THE ROOFTOP SITE AND OTI WILL COORDINATE WITH KFOR TO AIRLIFT THE TOWER, PROBABLY ON OCTOBER 28, DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER.

24. USAID REPORTS THAT THE FIRST 11-METER PORTION OF THE TOWER FOR MOUNT GOLESH, WHICH WILL SERVE BOTH BROADCASTERS AND PTK, IS AT THE AIRPORT AND WILL BE FURTHER ASSEMBLED OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. DURING THAT TIME THE AREA FOR THE CONCRETE BASE FOR THE TOWER WILL BE PREPARED ON THE TOP OF GOLESH. SIMULTANEOUSLY, ANOTHER CONTRACTOR IS WORKING ON REMOVING THE REMNANTS OF THE OLD TOWER, DESTROYED BY THE NATO BOMBING. AN ENGINEER FROM IBB IS REVIEWING THE TOWER DESIGN AND RUNNING ADDITIONAL TESTS TO ENSURE ITS QUALITY. KFOR IS HANDLING RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING TO HOUSE THE GENERATOR AND THE ELECTRICAL CABLES. MONEY FOR THIS PART OF THE PROJECT IS BEING PROVIDED BY OSCE.

25. THE TOWER WHICH IS DESTINED TO BE ERECTED ON MOUNT SVILEN (NEAR PRIZREN) IS STILL BEING ASSEMBLED IN MACEDONIA, WHILE A COMPANY HIRED BY KFOR IS WORKING ON REMOVING THE REMNANTS OF NATO BOMBARDMENT ON THE MOUNTAIN. AN IBB ENGINEER IS REVIEWING TOWER SPECIFICATIONS WITH THE CONTRACTOR.

26. THE TOWER TO BE ERECTED ON OSTRO KOPJE (BAJGORA) WILL HOLD ONE TRANSMITTER BROADCASTING INTO SERBIA AS PART OF THE RING AROUND SERBIA (RAS). THE CONTRACTOR MANAGING THE SITE ARRIVED IN KOSOVO OVER THE WEEKEND AND MET WITH OTI, IBB AND THE MITROVICA COMPANY PREPARING THE BASE. HE WILL GIVE LAST INSTRUCTIONS TO THE COMPANY SO THAT THEY CAN POUR THE CONCRETE AT THE MARKED AND PREPARED SITE ON THE MOUNTAIN THIS WEEK. A GERMAN IBB CONTRACTOR, WILHELM REUTHER, HAS JUST ARRIVED WITH THE UNIMOG (A SMALL TRUCK FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE OF THE FACILITY). HE AND ROBERT EVERETT OF IBB WASHINGTON WILL BE SUPERVISING THE WORK AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE ANTENNA.

COMMENT

27. THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THE TOWERS UP AND INDEPENDENT RADIO AND (ESPECIALLY TV) STATIONS LICENSED AND ON THE AIR CANNOT BE OVERESTIMATED. PUBLIC TV IS A HELP BUT CANNOT SUBSTITUTE. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, PEOPLE NEED NORMALCY, UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 06 PRISTINA 000432

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AND ENTERTAINMENT AS WELL AS NEWS ARE CRITICAL TO RESTORING THAT SENSE. IN ADDITION, RUMOR FLIES RAMPANT HERE -- MULTIPLE NEWS SOURCES WILL HELP CONTROL IT. ELECTIONS CANNOT BE SUCCESSFULLY HELD, NOR CAN POLITICAL PARTIES CONSOLIDATE AND COMPETE PROPERLY IN THEM, WITHOUT INDEPENDENT MEDIA THAT CAN REACH ALL OF KOSOVO. AS IT IS, NEW POLITICAL FIGURES HAVE TROUBLE GAINING PROFILE, AND THE POLITICS OF PERSONALITY CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON ISSUES OF REAL IMPORT. FINALLY, AS MEDIA IS ESTABLISHED IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THERE WILL ALSO BE ROOM FOR INDEPENDENT SERB-LANGUAGE MEDIA -- MODERATE SERBS HAVE NOTED THAT BELGRADE COMPLETELY DOMINATES THE MEDIA AVAILABLE TO SERBS RIGHT NOW, SPREADING MILOSEVIC'S POISON. ROSSIN

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1. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION: RTK, KOSOVO'S PUBLIC SATELLITE TELEVISION, IS RUNNING OUT OF OPERATING FUNDS AND WILL SHUT DOWN NOVEMBER 15 UNLESS DONORS PLEDGE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE STATION OPERATING. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NO COUNTRY-WIDE TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION BROADCASTING IN KOSOVO YET, AND THERE WILL BE A GAP OF AT LEAST TWO, AND POSSIBLY SEVERAL, MONTHS BEFORE A TERRESTRIAL SYSTEM CAN BE SET UP. THE CLOSURE OF RTK WILL BE A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TELEVISION HERE, DEPRIVING EVEN THE INDEPENDENTS OF THE ONLY CURRENT MEANS OF BROADCASTING THEIR MATERIAL. IT WILL ALSO MEAN THE END OF ATTEMPTS TO DEVELOP MULTIETHNIC TELEVISION HERE, AS THE INDEPENDENTS WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY ALBANIAN. USOP RECOMMENDS THAT THE USG WORK WITH DONORS TO KEEP RTK ON THE AIR, AND USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE OUR FUNDING TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC

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TELEVISION IN KOSOVO. END SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION.

2. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, THE OSCE-MANAGED KOSOVO PUBLIC TELEVISION, RTK, WILL RUN OUT OF OPERATING FUNDS AND CEASE OPERATION ON NOVEMBER 15. THE OPERATOR, EBU, HAS ALREADY GIVEN NOTICE OF ITS INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ITS CONTRACT WITH OSCE UNLESS IT RECEIVES PLEDGES TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR ANOTHER SEVEN MONTHS. OSCE ESTIMATES THIS WILL COST ABOUT DOLS 2 MILLION.

3. THE CURRENT BROADCASTS, VIA EUTEL SATELLITE, ARE THE ONLY INDIGENOUS TELEVISION PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE KOSOVAR VIEWING PUBLIC. THE STATION HAS OVERCOME ITS EARLY DIFFICULTIES REGARDING STAFF AND THE QUALITY OF NEWSCASTS, AND VIEWERSHIP IS GROWING. THANKS TO ITS SWISS DIRECTOR AND AN ENERGETIC ENGLISH STATION MANAGER PROVIDED BY THE BBC, THE STATION NOW PROVIDES A USEFUL WESTERN MODEL FOR FUTURE PUBLIC TELEVISION AND IS A PLATFORM FOR INFLUENCING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THE INDEPENDENTS. EVEN THOUGH THEY LACK THEIR OWN CAPABILITY TO BROADCAST AT PRESENT, THE INDEPENDENTS ARE ABLE TO AIR THEIR PRODUCTIONS ON RTK, GAINING EXPERIENCE AND NAME RECOGNITION. THERE ARE PROPOSALS TO CONSTRUCT A JOINT PRODUCTION FACILITY AT RTK WHICH COULD BE USED BY INDEPENDENTS TO MAKE PROGRAMS AND ADVERTISEMENTS. IN THE LONGER RUN, IT IS INTENDED THAT RTK BE TURNED OVER TO LOCAL MANAGEMENT AND SWITCH TO TERRESTRIAL BROADCASTS ONCE THE NECESSARY TRANSMISSION TOWERS HAVE BEEN ERECTED AND MADE OPERATIONAL (UNDER UNMIK MANAGEMENT) ON MT. GOLESH AND MT. SVILEN.

4. OSCE MAKES THE POINT THAT RTK IS NOT INTENDED AS COMPETITION FOR THE INDEPENDENTS; RATHER, IT WILL HAVE ITS OWN IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE BROADCASTING SPECTRUM. THE INDEPENDENTS, WHEN THEY ARE FINALLY UP AND RUNNING, WILL BE COMMERCIALY DRIVEN IN A LARGELY ALBANIAN ENVIRONMENT AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO AIM NATURALLY, AND PROBABLY EXCLUSIVELY, AT AN ALBANIAN AUDIENCE. THE BASIC FORMAT OF THEIR PROGRAMMING IS BOUND TO BE DOMINATED BY ENTERTAINMENT, RATHER THAN INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING. THIS IS THE PATTERN WE ALREADY SEE CLEARLY AMONG LOCAL RADIO STATIONS. IN THE FUTURE, IT IS LIKELY THAT ONLY PUBLIC TELEVISION CAN BE COUNTED ON TO AIR PROGRAMS AIMED AT ETHNIC MINORITIES IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGES.

5. IF RTK IS CLOSED DOWN, THE QUEST TO ESTABLISH LOCAL BROADCASTING WILL BE SET BACK AN INDETERMINATE NUMBER OF MONTHS. EVEN RTV 21, THE MOST ADVANCED OF THE INDEPENDENTS, WILL NOT BE READY TO GO ON THE AIR FOR AT LEAST TWO MONTHS, AND THEN IT WILL ONLY BE SEEN IN PRISTINA. THE WESTERN MODEL OF PUBLIC TELEVISION OFFERED BY RTK WILL BE LOST AND THE PRESSURE TO DEVELOP SOME KIND OF STATE-SPONSORED TELEVISION WILL PROBABLY LEAD TO OTHER, LESS DESIRABLE, SOLUTIONS. THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP CORDIAL AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TELEVISION STATIONS THROUGH THE SHARING OF SOME PRODUCTION FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE LOST. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, NO INDIGENOUS PROGRAMMING WILL BE SEEN AROUND KOSOVO FROM NOVEMBER 15 UNTIL THE TOWERS ARE UP AND FUNCTIONING.

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6. UNFORTUNATELY, THE TIME LINE FOR THE COMPLETION OF TRANSMISSION TOWERS NECESSARY TO MAKE TERRESTRIAL BROADCASTING WORK IS QUITE UNCERTAIN. IT HAS JUST BEEN REPORTED THAT THE TWO TOWERS DESTINED FOR MTS. GOLESH AND SVILEN WILL HAVE TO BE REDESIGNED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SEVERITY OF WIND AND WEATHER AT THOSE SITES. (NOTE: WORK UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 PRISTINA 000524

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ON THE TOWER ON OSTRO KOPJE, PART OF THE "RING AROUND SERBIA", IS FURTHER ADVANCED; THAT TOWER SHOULD BE FUNCTIONING IN A FEW WEEKS. IT IS NOT PART OF THE BROADCASTING SYSTEM FOR KOSOVO, HOWEVER. END NOTE.) WITH WINTER CLOSING IN, IT IS BY NO MEANS CLEAR THAT THE GOLESH TOWER WILL BE FUNCTIONING ANY EARLIER THAN NEXT SPRING, AND THE SVILEN TOWER IS EVEN FURTHER BEHIND. THE NOVEMBER 1 DEADLINE FOR GOLESH WHICH OTI/IBB WERE AIMING AT IS NOW PAST. EVEN IF THEY COULD COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR -- A QUESTIONABLE PROPOSITION -- ONE CANNOT BE SURE THAT UNMIK, WHICH HAS SHOWN ITSELF TO BE OVERSTRETCHED AND UNDERMANNED IN KOSOVO, WOULD BE READY AND ABLE TO PROMPTLY TAKE OVER MANAGEMENT OF THE TOWER. ALL IN ALL, A LATER RATHER THAN AN EARLIER STARTING DATE FOR TERRESTRIAL BROADCASTS SEEMS MORE PROBABLE.

7. WHILE WE BELIEVE THAT THE USG BY ITSELF SHOULD NOT UNDERTAKE TO KEEP RTK ON THE AIR, USOP RECOMMENDS THAT THE USG WORK WITH OTHER DONORS TO FIND THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO KEEP THE STATION ON THE AIR. PERHAPS A SMALLER AMOUNT OF TEMPORARY FUNDING CAN BE PROVIDED TO KEEP THE STATION ON THE AIR UNTIL THE SUBJECT CAN BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AT THE DONORS' CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS, NOVEMBER 17-18. (NOTE: THIS IDEA HAS NOT BEEN PROPOSED TO THE EBU OPERATORS, WHO HAVE SAID THEY WANT FUNDING FOR THE REMAINING SEVEN MONTHS OF THEIR CONTRACT WITH OSCE. END NOTE.) THE TOTAL AMOUNT NECESSARY TO KEEP THE STATION GOING FOR TWO WEEKS SHOULD BE ABOUT \$150,000.

8. THE USG CAN USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE RTK IN DIRECTIONS MEETING OUR PREFERENCES BY CONDITIONING SUPPORT FOR RTK ON THE STATION'S FULFILLMENT OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- RTK SHOULD PROVIDE STUDIO SPACE IN THE RTK BUILDING AS

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WELL AS PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT FOR THE INDEPENDENT TV STATIONS SO THEY CAN PRODUCE THEIR OWN STUDIO PROGRAMMING UNTIL THEIR FACILITIES ARE READY.

- RTK SHOULD PROVIDE THE INDEPENDENTS WITH FREE AIRTIME TO BROADCAST THEIR PRODUCTION MATERIAL IN ITS ORIGINAL FORMAT AND NEGOTIATE WITH THE INDEPENDENTS ON TIME SLOTS.

- RTK SHOULD PLEDGE TO REMAIN NON-COMMERCIAL, TO AVOID TAKING ADVERTISING DOLLARS AWAY FROM INDEPENDENTS ONCE THEY ARE OPERATIONAL.

- RTK SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE IDEA OF BROADCASTING VOA PROGRAMMING UNEDITED.

- RTK SHOULD PRESENT USG DONORS WITH A CONCRETE PROPOSAL FOR COSTS AS WELL AS A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR RUNNING THE STATION.

- MINORITY PROGRAMMING SHOULD CONTINUE, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF INDEPENDENT SERBIAN INFORMATION SOURCES.

- ANY USG FUNDING SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN RTK'S SATELLITE AND TERRESTRIAL BROADCASTING AND NOT AS THE BEGINNING OF A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO RTK.

- RTK SHOULD ATTEMPT TO MINIMIZE ANY HIRING AWAY FROM LOCAL PRIVATE TELEVISION STATIONS.

- SUPPORT TO RTK SHOULD BE MATCHED WITH SIMULTANEOUS SUPPORT TO INDEPENDENTS, SUCH AS RTV 21 OR TV KOHA.

9. THE USG SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER PROVIDING MATERIAL FOR REBROADCAST BY RTK. IBB'S REPRESENTATIVE IN KOSOVO HAS SUGGESTED THAT IBB MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE JOURNALISTIC AND TECHNICAL TRAINING TO RTK, IF THE STATION WILL AGREE TO REBROADCAST MATERIAL FROM VOA-TV. WE SHOULD FIND OUT FROM EUR/MAP AND THE FORMER WORLDNET ACQUISITIONS SECTION (NOW PART OF IBB) WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER APPROPRIATE VIDEO MATERIALS WHICH CAN BE PLACED ON RTK. THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION PROGRAMS (IIP) COULD ALSO BE ASKED TO IDENTIFY LEGAL AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS WHO COULD BE SENT AS PROFESSIONALS-IN-RESIDENCE TO WORK WITH OSCE ON MANAGING PUBLIC TELEVISION IN KOSOVO. WORKING WITH THE OSCE TO MAKE RTK A SUCCESS SEEMS A BETTER STRATEGY THAN SIMPLY LETTING RTK FAIL IF WE WANT TO PROJECT U.S. INFLUENCE OVER THE LONG RANGE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ASSURING THAT POLITICALLY NEUTRAL, MULTI-ETHNIC TELEVISION DOES NOT DISAPPEAR FROM THE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 PRISTINA 000524

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001c. paper	re: Implementation Plan for Kosovo - Deputies Overview (9 pages)	07/01/1999	P1/b(1), P5
001d. paper	re: Information Paper - KFOR Implementation Planning (7 pages)	07/01/1999	P1/b(1), P5
001e. paper	re: State Functional Papers - UNMIK Deployment (26 pages)	07/01/1999	P1/b(1), P5
001f. paper	re: Implementation Plan Benchmarks (16 pages)	07/10/1999	P1/b(1)
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002c. email	Mara Rudman to Mona Sutphen et al; re: Letter from Levin (1 page)	07/21/1999	P5
002d. email	Mona Sutphen to Samuel Moyn et al; re: Letter from Levin (2 pages)	07/21/1999	P5
002e. email	Samuel Moyn to Steven Naplan & Mona Sutphen; re: Letter from Levin (1 page)	07/21/1999	P5
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DATE-TIME 7/21/99 7:36:28 PM
FROM Moyn, Samuel A. (EUR/INTERN)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Letter from Levin [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Stromseth, Jane E. (MULTI)

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ps the letter says "my staff is examining" though I can certainly change it you think that's best.

-----Original Message-----

From: Stromseth,
Jane E. (MULTI)
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 1999 7:34 PM
To: Sutphen,
Mona K. (NSA); Rudman, Mara E. (CNSLR); Moyn, Samuel A.
(EUR/INTERN);
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI); @MULTILAT - Multilateral and
Humanitarian
Affairs; @PRESS - Public Affairs
Cc: @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs;
@KOSOVO
Subject: RE: Letter from Levin [UNCLASSIFIED]

Mona: I
just spoke to the war crimes office at State about the documentary
idea. As it turns out, State (WCI, DRL, S/P) have discussed the
idea at some length and, while it looked attractive at first blush,
they ultimately concluded that it was not a good idea for two reasons:
(1) the cost is enormous; and (2) a USG-made documentary would
risk

being perceived as propaganda, no matter how carefully done. As
an alternative, State decided to focus on bringing out a second version

of their report on atrocities in Kosovo, Erasing History. Erasing
History II, which should be out in September in hard copy and on
the web, will be much more comprehensive than the original version,
with visual aids (lots of pictures) linked to the text, and with
a geographic index that would allow for research by location. On
the documentary idea, they concluded it was better to have an NGO
do it. The concerns raised by State seem quite reasonable to me,

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and I think it best if Sandy says something non-committal to Levin like "we'll look into it" or "my staff is examining the idea."

-----Original Message-----

From: Sutphen, Mona K. (NSA)

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 1999 6:53 PM

To: Rudman, Mara E. (CNSLR);

Moyn, Samuel A. (EUR/INTERN); Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI);
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how

about some other non-govt. option: george soros (since they fund the opn network in bosnia), article xix, maybe elie weisel knows someone?? if levin is really keen, can they earmark funds for this purpose?? m

-----Original Message-----

From: Rudman, Mara E.

(CNSLR)

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 1999 6:49 PM

To: Sutphen, Mona

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Again, comment from one of my

prior lives... USIA is severely restricted in their ability to produce films of any sort that are for domestic consumption. Congress has to specifically pass legislation to allow domestic distribution of USIA material, so unless the law has changed dramatically on this, I think Sandy has to be cautious: "it's a good idea, we've got to see if we are able to do it because of the domestic side restrictions under which USIA operates."

-----Original Message-----

From: Sutphen,

Mona K. (NSA)

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 1999 6:46 PM

To: Moyn,

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Subject: RE: Letter from Levin [UNCLASSIFIED]

he
needs to know if he can be forward leaning -- e.g. "what a great
idea" or pessimistic - e.g. "we'll look into it." jamie cannot be
the only person in the entire usg who can give us an initial sense
of feasibility,. since i think we all think it's a good idea. m

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From: Moyn, Samuel A. (EUR/INTERN)
Sent: Wednesday,
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@PRESS
- Public Affairs
Cc: @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @KOSOVO
Subject: RE:
Letter from Levin [UNCLASSIFIED]

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FYI Steve's line is the one I
take in the written response to this note and Levin's letter of a
day or so ago about his trip to Kosovo -- this response is done and
now clearing Leg. and Multi. Option B is to hold on letter until
Jamie comments.

Sam

-----Original Message-----

From: Naplan,
Steven J. (MULTI)
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 1999 6:40 PM
To: Sutphen,
Mona K. (NSA); @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian
Affairs;
@PRESS - Public Affairs
Cc: @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @KOSOVO
Subject: RE:
Letter from Levin [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Mona: sounds reasonable enough
to me. USIA produced something approximately like this for Bosnia
a few years ago. (Others may recall an effort which was made to
get through the so-called firewall to permit the domestic presentation

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of the earlier Bosnia video.) Almost certainly it is doable.

Jamie

Metzl at State is the best person to comment on whether or not it makes good sense. I've already faxed a copy of the Levin incoming to him, though he won't see it until he returns from London on Friday.

I

would suggest that Sandy be noncommittal, and assure Sen. Levin that we are looking into it.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sutphen,

Mona K. (NSA)

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 1999 5:30 PM

To: @MULTILAT

- Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @PRESS - Public Affairs

Cc: @LEGISLAT

- Legislative Affairs

Subject: Letter from Levin [UNCLASSIFIED]

Matt/Jane

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Sandy got a letter from Levin today w/a suggestion that the U.S. produce a documentary, narrated by a modern Serbo-Croat speaker, that powerfully records the atrocities in Kosovo. Sandy's question is whether this makes sense and is do-able.

I need an answer

as soon as possible since Levin plans to call Sandy on this (as early as this evening). Thanks.

Mona

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Dear Senator Levin:

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Thank you for your note and the report on your recent visit to Kosovo.

Congressional support for our Kosovo policy is critical for a region that is so important to our country. and I am glad you were the first members to visit since the peace. I too have been closely monitoring ongoing developments there and I appreciated reading your first-hand report on the situation on the ground.

I share your pride in KFOR's accomplishments since entering Kosovo and the participation of U.S. servicemen and women in the force. We have their professionalism and competence to thank as violent incidents become less frequent and an atmosphere of normality returns to the province.

I take seriously your concept of a documentary on war crimes and have referred it to my staff. In the meantime, please know that the Serbian language services of Voice of America, Radio Free Europe, and the "Ring around Serbia" radio initiative continue transmissions, including broadcasts that report on the atrocities committed in Kosovo. More remains to be done; for example, the State Department is updating the "Erasing History" report on atrocities it released in May and plans to disseminate the results to Serb audiences. But recent episodes of public dissent suggest that many Serb citizens are slowly coming to grips with the true nature of Milosevic's self-destructive policies.

You are right that we cannot rest on our laurels and that significant hurdles have to be crossed as UNMIK establishes a government in Kosovo. Kouchner's recent arrival -- along with his American deputy and my former Special Assistant Jock Covey - is an important step in the right direction. Given the immensity of the task ahead, it is critical that we move forward with our bilateral efforts as well as maintain our support of UN efforts on civil administration, UN planning and implementation is rapidly advancing, and the speedy release of

U.S. funds
from the Congress for our contribution to the UNMIK budget would
help ensure that
these efforts remain on track.

We are also thinking regionally as the President plans to attend the
Sarajevo
conference next week. This will show how choosing to create a better
climate for
investment, human rights and democracy can result in better lives for
everyone in
the region. Milosevic, of course, will not attend, and Serbia's absence
from the
Stability Pact and the conference initiatives will reinforce his isolation
and
the failure of his obsolete vision for this region.

I share your assessment of how much remains to be accomplished in
Kosovo, and
concur in particular with your list of specific recommendations for
progress. I
believe the United States will overcome what obstacles remain, with
your support
and in cooperation with the UN and other nations and multilateral
organizations.
I am especially heartened by your report on the sympathies of the
Kosovars you
met for our policies and our country. I believe the affection they feel
for the
United States and the West is a credit to our involvement and will
prove decisive
in realizing the President's vision of a Europe undivided, democratic,
and at
peace in the next century.

Thanks again for your letter.

Sincerely,

Samuel R. Berger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

The Honorable Carl Levin
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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001c. email	re: Campaign Plan - Week 2 - Detailed Actions (8 pages)	05/08/1999	P1/b(1)
002a. email	Richard Holtzapple to David Halperin et al; re: Requests for Sandy Berger Speech (2 pages)	09/23/1999	P5
003a. email	Tina Kaidanow to Richard Holtzapple et al; re: Requests for Sandy Berger Speech (2 pages)	09/23/1999	P5
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DATE-TIME 9/23/99 10:09:52 AM
FROM Holtzapple, Richard A.
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SUBJECT RE: Requests for SRB speech [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO

Halperin, David E. (SPCHW)
Kaidanow, Tina S. (SEE)
Allen, Charles A. (LEGAL)
Baker, James E. (LEGAL)
Bell, Robert G. (DEFENSE)
Benjamin, Daniel (TNT)
Blinken, Antony J. (EUR)
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One of the great things about the speech as currently drafted is how it presents efforts in Kosovo as joint international efforts in which the US plays an important, but not leading, role. Thus I would second David's questions on what we can say about others' activities (although I don't have any info on it) and urge we focus most on what we are doing, rather than spending.

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Message-----

From: Halperin, David E. (SPCHW)
Sent: Thursday,
September 23, 1999 9:50 AM
To: Kaidanow, Tina S. (SEE); @KOSOVO;
@SEE - Southeast European Affairs
Subject: RE: Requests for SRB
speech [UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks, Tina. Questions: If USG is providing \$12 m, any sense of what others are providing? Have we already spent the money? Where is the money from? Are we requesting more in budget amendments? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kaidanow,
Tina S. (SEE)
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 1999 9:46 AM
To: Halperin,
David E. (SPCHW); @KOSOVO; @SEE - Southeast European Affairs
Subject: RE:
Requests for SRB speech [UNCLASSIFIED]

David --

On the "what
are we doing in Serbia" question, the basic themes are as follows:

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- providing close to 12 million dollars worth of assistance, in line with the President's commitment at the Sarajevo summit, to democratic opposition parties, NGOs, labor and student unions, civic groups, and independent media in Serbia;

- maintaining, together with our allies, a strong sanctions regime aimed at Milosevic and his closest cronies who are bleeding Serbia's economy dry;

- encouraging the opposition to unite and focus on the goal of democratic transformation;

- intensifying our efforts to reach the Serbian public with objective information through the "Ring Around Serbia," a network of FM radio transmitters;

- and working closely with ICTY to support their investigations.

Hope this helps.

-----Original Message-----

From: Halperin,

David E. (SPCHW)

Sent: Thursday, September 23, 1999 9:26 AM

To: @KOSOVO;

@SEE - Southeast European Affairs

Subject: Requests for SRB speech

[UNCLASSIFIED]

For SRB Kosovo speech, I am looking for help with the following:

1. what specifically have we done -- and are we planning/hoping to do -- to promote democratic change in Serbia?

2. vignettes, interesting statistics, etc. about how normal life is returning to Kosovo -- to make this more vivid

i will send the speech to Sandy this morning, so the sooner the better. I can work in after i send the speech, though.

thanks.

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